

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THE
GRAND HOTEL, ROTORUA, ON THE 22ND AND 23RD AUGUST 1949, COMMENCING
AT 2 P.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.A. Field (President) E.D. Williams (Vice-President) J.R. Barber, T.E. Pearson, A.A. Lennice, R.H. Hobbs and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser). Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor of the Journal, arrived later in the afternoon.

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 7th and 8th December 1948 were read and confirmed.

INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCE :- The Secretary read the invitations he had extended to the following :- The Hon. E. Cullen M.P. : The Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee : The Director of Marketing : The Director of the Horticulture Division of the Department of Agriculture : Mr. W.K. Dallas : Mr. D.G. Begley and the Press. The individual replies to these invitations were also read as was a letter from Mr. F.D. Holt and reply thereto re suggested address by The Chairman of the Marketing Committee.

ATTENDANCE OF APIARY INSTRUCTORS :- The Chairman reported that the Director of the Horticulture Division had decided that the various Apiary Instructors should not attend the Conferences in future, owing to the expense involved and also to the fact that they had their own annual meeting at which various matters relating to the Industry were discussed.

Mr. Williams said he appreciated that points mentioned, but he also felt that the attendance of the Instructors at the Beekeepers' Conference formed an essential link between the Producers and the Instructors, which was of decided value to the Industry.

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Pearson, "that the Apiary Instructors' Conference be held each year in the same town and immediately prior to our own Conference in order that the Instructors may attend the National Conference." The motion was carried.

AFTERNOON TEA FOR CONFERENCE :- The Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between himself and the Secretary of the R.S.A. and also Mr. Geddes regarding afternoon tea and reported that in view of the fact that 1/3d per head was the lowest quote obtainable, he had refrained from making any arrangements in this connection.

PETITION :- Letters to and from Mr. J.H. Lowe of Tauranga were read, concerning a petition sent in by four Beekeepers from Tauranga with reference to the grading and price of dark, but mild-flavoured honeys. The Secretary pointed out that one of the signatories Mr. Corlett, had recently joined the South Auckland Branch and it was thereupon decided to write to Mr. Corlett suggesting that he bring the matter up at a subsequent meeting of his Branch.

ADDRESSES TO CONFERENCE :- Much time was taken up in this connection, and correspondence was read as follows :-

From Mr. W.B. Bray dated 13-6-49.
 To Mr. W.B. Bray dated 21-6-49.
 From Mr. W.B. Bray dated 25-6-49.
 To Mr. W.B. Bray dated 13-7-49.
 To Mr. Wallace Nelson dated 29-6-49.
 Telegram from Mr. J.R. Barber.
 Telegram from Mr. W. Nelson.
 From Mr. J.R. Barber dated 3-7-49.
 To Mr. J.R. Barber dated 13-7-49.
 From Mr. W. Nelson dated 27-7-49.
 To Mr. W. Nelson dated 12-8-49.

With further reference to the addresses which had been arranged, explanations were given by both the Secretary and the President concerning the approaches made to officials of The Dominion Producers' Co-operative Agency. After a good deal of discussion, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Lennie, "that the action of the President and the Secretary in making the approach to officials of the D.P.A. be approved.

QUEEN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION :- Letters in this connection were read as follows :-

From Mr. Geo. Swanson dated 21-7-49.
 To Mr. Geo. Swanson dated 28-7-49.
 From " " " " 2-8-49.
 To " " " " 12-8-49.

HONEY BLENDING & PACKING PLANT :- In view of the Minister's threat to close the Honey Section of the Marketing Department, this matter was discussed at some considerable length following the reading of five letters

from the General Secretary to the Minister and Seven letters in reply from the Minister. The period covered by these letters was from the 29th January 1949 to the 19th August 1949. In his last letter the Minister stated that it was not possible for him to undertake to advise the Executive of the decision of the Government prior to the Conference but he gave an assurance that when he addressed the Conference he would be in a position to make a definite announcement of the final decision of the Government in regard to the future of both the Honey Regulations and the Honey Section of the Marketing Department.

FORMATION OF WAITOMO BRANCH :- Five letters dated from the 31st May 1949 to the 8th July 1949 were read from Mr. W. Purves of Te Kawa, concerning a meeting of Beekeepers held at Te Kawa, at which it was resolved to make application for permission to form a new Branch of the Association. Three letters in reply from the General Secretary were also read. Mr. Barber made an explanation as to his reasons for withholding his approval of the formation of this Branch when approached by the General Secretary at the time and it was thereupon resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that approval be now given to the formation of a new Branch in the Waitomo District."

The time being 6.10 p.m. it was agreed that the meeting adjourn till 9 a.m. on the 23rd instant.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting was resumed at 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday the 23rd August, all members being present.

SUGAR FOR FEEDING :- This question was dealt with in the reading of twenty letters and telegrams which had passed between the North Otago Branch, Mr. R. Farmer, The Horticulture Department, The Colonial Sugar Refining Co. and the General Secretary with regard to the serious position which had developed in the South Island concerning the lack of supplies of sugar during the winter months. The Secretary reported that the difficulty had finally been overcome by his arranging for a special shipment of eleven tons of 1A sugar being dispatched to Timaru, for the exclusive use of Beekeepers.

TAXATION :- The difficulties with which a number of Beekeepers have found themselves placed through the change of accounting practice demanded by the Taxation Department in respect of Beekeepers' Hives was evident in correspondence placed before the meeting. This comprised twelve letters to and from the North Otago Branch, H.S. Shoebridge, Wallace Nelson, J.R. Barber, The Commissioner of Taxes and the General Secretary.

The Chairman also reported that, together with the General Secretary he had interviewed the Superintendent of the Land and Income Tax Dept. at Palmerston North and subsequently the Commissioner of Taxes, the Deputy Commissioner and several members of the Staff of the Taxation Department in Wellington, with the result that certain concessions as referred to in the correspondence already read, had been obtained. It was decided that the letters from the Commissioner be read to the Conference.

NECTAR-BEARING TREES :- Correspondence with the Horticulture Division was read with reference to the lists of nectar-bearing tree species suitable for planting by Catchment Boards and the Forestry Department and as supplied by the Horticulture Division. This was discussed and pleasure was expressed at the comprehensive manner in which the Division had acceded to the Executive's request for assistance in securing the necessary information.

In order to ascertain what use had been made of the lists provided by the Division, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Lennie, "that the matter be again referred to the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council and the State Forest Service and a request made for information as to whether it had been found practicable to use any of the trees listed by the Horticulture Division of the Department of Agriculture."

BEEES NUISANCE :- A letter was read from the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, concerning a complaint received by his office regarding the establishment of an apiary adjacent to the Midhurst School in Taranaki, where the bees were claimed to be a nuisance and a danger to the children attending the school.

Decided to advise the Superintendent that the President of the Association would interview the Beekeeper concerned and endeavour in the interests of the Industry, to have the bees shifted to a more suitable site.

CYNOGAS :- The Secretary reported having referred to the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, information furnished by Messrs. Wright, Stephenson & Co. Ltd. regarding the advantage arising out of the use by Beekeepers of the chemical known as "Cynogas". With certain deletions made by the Superintendent, the information had since been

published in the Journal for the benefit of members and an advertisement had also been secured from Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co. Ltd. in connection with the sale of the preparation.

DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS :- Letters to and from the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, regarding the use by Apiary Instructors of the Pamphlet, "Are You a Member," were read and briefly discussed.

In this connection also, congratulations were extended to Mr. McFadzien for his work and it was resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Pearson, "that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. McFadzien for his valuable work in preparing the Booklet."

TRANSPORT & PETROL FOR APIARY INSTRUCTOR :- The Secretary reported that a complaint had been received from the Gore Branch in March, concerning the lack of transport facilities available to the new Instructor at Invercargill and requesting that steps be taken to have the matter rectified and also that arrangements be made for sufficient petrol to be available to the Instructor to enable him to average at least 1000 miles per month. The matter was taken up with Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry with the result that a Ford V8 truck was shipped to Invercargill from Wellington early in April and approval had been obtained from the Oil Fuel Controller for a special license of 50 gallons of petrol per month for field work by the Instructor.

COMPLAINT RE MANAGER OF HONEY SECTION I.M.D :- Eight further letters which had passed between the General Secretary, the Gore Branch, the Honey Marketing Committee and the Marketing Department were read with reference to the resolution from the Gore Branch which was dealt with at the previous meeting of the Executive, concerning complaints against the Manager of the Honey Section. The Secretary stated that although the Gore Branch had now withdrawn its previous resolution, it had still not been possible to find out who had been responsible for sending a copy of the original resolution direct to the Public Service Commissioner.

From the ensuing discussion it seemed evident that the action was taken by some members of the Gore Branch who made their decision to write to the Commissioner direct, after the meeting of the Branch had concluded. Decided to advise the Gore Branch to this effect.

WAIRARAPA BRANCH :- The Secretary reported that the Wairarapa Branch had gone into recess after one years operations and a letter forwarded to the Branch Secretary was read, asking that a meeting of the Branch be called to determine its future. No reply had been received to date.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH :- The Secretary reported that the membership of this Branch had fallen to three and the copy of a letter he had forwarded to the Branch Secretary in this connection was read. Since then the Branch Books had been returned to Head Office and the balance of the Branch funds had also been received at Head Office. No further action was taken.

FALSE ADVERTISING :- A letter was read from Mr. A.W.A. Fraser of Carterton, complaining that the advertisement appearing in the Journal regarding the sale of Italian Queens by Homestead Apiaries was false and that Beekeepers were thus being gravely misled by same. He requested that the Association refuse to accept advertisements from this Apiar in future in order to protect members against exploitation.

Decided to write to Mr. Buisson and ask for his views on the subject of the complaint and also to request the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, to institute enquiries.

NEW DIRECT MEMBERS :- A number of letters were read which the Secretary had written to Commercial Beekeepers who previously subscribed to the Association's Journal and whose subscriptions he had lately refused to renew. The replied which were also read indicated that most of these producers appreciated the good work which was being done by the Association and in most cases the persons written to had joined up as Direct Members.

MARKETING COMMITTEE ELECTION ETC :- Letters to and from the Minister of Marketing were read regarding the points raised at the previous meeting, in connection with the conduct of the election of Producer members of the Honey Marketing Committee, the Minister stating that the points raised by the Executive were correct ones at that stage and that the request for wider publicity for the conduct of elections in future was reasonable and that the Returning Officer was being advised accordingly.

Letters to and from the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee regarding the publication of reports of the Committee's meetings were also read.

PRICE OF BEESWAX AND HONEY IN 60 LB CONTAINERS :- Six letters which had passed between the General Secretary and the Director of Price Control

since the last meeting were read and briefly discussed.

MR. DAVIDSON'S COMPLAINT :- The Secretary's letter to Mr. Davidson enclosing extracts of letters which had passed between the Secretary and the Editor of the Journal with reference to Mr. Davidson's letter on Taxation were also read.

LICENSING OF APIARY SITES :- Correspondence which had passed between the South Canterbury Branch, the General Secretary and the Horticulture Division, regarding the proposed further amendments to the Apiaries Act were read, as also was a legal opinion received from Messrs. R. Moore and Bergin.

In this connection also, a strongly-worded letter of criticism was read from the Hawkes Bay Branch in which complaint was made against the General Secretary concerning the manner in which his Circular to Branches was worded and allegations made against the Executive for failing to carry out the directions of Conference over a period of years and particularly in regard to the matter of Apiary Sites protection. The Secretary's replies to the Hawkes Bay Branch were also read. Members considered that the Branch had overstepped the mark in making such sweeping statements and were critical of the Branch's failure to answer the General Secretary's request for a clear statement of particular instances in which the Executive had failed to carry out its duties. After further discussion it was resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the Hawkes Bay Branch be requested either to apologise to the Executive or to withdraw the allegations completely."

It was further resolved "that the letters forwarded by the General Secretary in respect of the complaints received from the Branch be approved.

AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE :- Letters to and from the Director of the Horticulture Division were read with reference to the International Conference of Beekeepers being held this year in Amsterdam, with the idea of forming a World Federation of Beekeepers. It was decided that the matter was too large an undertaking for the Association to consider.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE :- was read as follows :-

From the Canterbury Agriculture College re information for publication in their Journal "Caolin."

From the Auckland Central Branch suggesting that the Executive consider the advisability of raising the subscriptions of Direct Members. Decided to point out to the Branch that the General Executive retain the full 100% of Direct subscriptions whereas only 60% of Branch subscriptions are received by the Head Office. Furthermore, the basis of voting would be upset if alterations were made as suggested.

From the Horticulture Division enclosing copies of the Apiaries Regulations 1948 relating to Poison Honey Areas and reply thereto. From the Director of the Horticulture Division enclosing copies of letters received and answer sent to Mr. Guy Perrin, North Borneo, re prospects for commencing Beekeeping in New Zealand.

From Mr. A.F. Lindsay re suggestion for excluding Wasps from Bee Hives. Decided to advise Mr. Lindsay that his suggestion was not practicable.

From Mr. Wallace Nelson enclosing copy of a letter sent to Mr. W. Broadfoot M.P. by Messrs. Williams, Nelson and Barber with reference to a recent interview with Mr. Broadfoot at Te Awamutu, concerning statements made by Mr. Broadfoot in the House of Representatives.

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS :- were read as follows :-

Canterbury 1949 : Clutha 1948 and 1949 : South Auckland 1949 :
Far North 1949 : South Canterbury 1949 : Gore 1949 : Hawkes Bay 1949 :
Manawatu 1949 : Taranaki 1949 : Otago 1949 : Southland 1948 and 1949.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Branch Balance Sheets as read be received."

MANAGER OF HONEY SECTION :- The Chairman read a letter he had received from Mr. F.H. Stoupe on his retirement from the position of manager of the Honey Section I.M.D.

Decided to thank Mr. Stoupe for his letter of goodwill and it was also resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pearson, "that we place on record our appreciation of the services of Mr. Stoupe in his capacity of manager of the Honey Section of the Marketing Department."

JOURNAL MATTERS :- The recently appointed Editor, Mr. J. McFadzien took the opportunity of Thanking the Executive for his appointment and in referring to matters relating to his duties, drew attention to certain anomalies in regard to the rates charged for advertising. After a general discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Lennie, "that all casual advertisements be charged in future at the rate of 8/- per inch, with a minimum charge of 4/-".

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Editor be authorised to have two complete volumes of "The New Zealand Beekeeper" bound, one copy to be kept in the hands of the General Secretary and the other to be in the hands of the Editor."

The matter of arranging for the binding was left in the hands of the Editor.

A motion by the Chairman, "that we congratulate Mr. McFadzien upon the excellent manner in which he is carrying out his duties as Editor," was carried unanimously.

The time now being 1 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until 2.10 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET :- When the meeting resumed, consideration was given to the Annual Report which was read and discussed.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts, together with the Auditor's Report was then read and discussed, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th May 1949 be received."

REMITTS :- The remits for the Conference were then read and discussed with little comment.

SECRETARY'S SALARY :- This matter was discussed in relation to the greatly increased volume of work which the Secretary was called upon to undertake and on the motion of the Chairman it was resolved "that the salary of the General Secretary be increased to £250 per annum."

APPRECIATION :- The Chairman then took the opportunity of expressing his thanks to members of the Executive for their services during the year and in doing so intimated his intention not to stand for the office of President for the coming year. He referred to the excellent harmony which had prevailed

Resolution to operate on the Account of a Corporate Body or Unincorporated Society or Club.

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To the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

You are hereby notified that the following is a true copy of a Resolution recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of (a) The General Executive duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules or Articles of Association of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated. on the Twenty-Sixth day of August 19 49

Resolved:—(1) "That (c) any one member of the Executive jointly

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" be and are

" hereby appointed to operate the account of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated.

" (hereinafter termed "the Corporation") kept with the Bank of New Zealand at

" (d) Foxton. and that the Bank be requested to honour and charge to the said account all Cheques drawn and all Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes accepted or made by them on behalf of the Corporation whether the balance of the said account be credit or debit.

(2) "That (c) The General Secretary.

" be empowered to endorse Cheques, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Corporation.

(3) "That all previous resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account are hereby superseded.

(4) "That the authority granted by this Resolution shall subsist until superseded by a further Resolution of the (a) The General Executive."

The subjoined schedule sets out the names, official designations and specimen signatures of the persons authorised by the said Resolution to operate on the said Account. You will be notified in writing of the passing of any further resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account and of any Changes in the names or official designations of any of such persons.

Name in full (e)	Official (f) Designation	Specimen (g) Signature
<u>Edward Armini Fiehl</u>	President.	<u>E. Armini Fiehl</u>
<u>Edward Leonard Williams</u>	Vice-President.	<u>E. L. Williams</u>
<u>Thomas Edward Pearson</u>	Member.	<u>T. E. Pearson</u>
<u>Arthur Ashley Lennie</u>	Member.	<u>A. A. Lennie</u>
<u>James Kirk</u>	Member.	<u>James Kirk</u>
<u>James Richards Barber</u>	Member.	<u>J. R. Barber</u>
<u>Garnet Victor Fraser</u>	Secretary.	<u>G. Fraser</u>

(h) The Common Seal of The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc. was hereunto affixed this Twenty-Sixth day of August 19 49 in the presence of

(i) Signed on behalf of and under the authority of this _____ day of _____ 19 _____ by



E. Armini Fiehl PRESIDENT.
E. L. Williams VICE-PRESIDENT
G. Fraser GEN. SECRETARY.

in the work of the Executive during the past few years and said that although often accused of doing so, he could say quite definitely that he had never had any wish to retain office any longer than he felt was necessary for the benefit of the Industry as a whole.

There being no further business the meeting then concluded.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. 28-1-50.....

CHAIR MAN. S. A. Field.....